

1-1 By: Cortez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 2093
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2021;
1-3 May 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
1-4 Human Services; May 14, 2021, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 14, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to including certain licensed physician assistants in the
1-20 definition of non-physician mental health professional for
1-21 purposes of certain provisions applicable to non-physician mental
1-22 health professionals.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 571.003(15), Health and Safety Code, is
1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (15) "Non-physician mental health professional"
1-27 means:

1-28 (A) a psychologist licensed to practice in this
1-29 state and designated as a health-service provider;

1-30 (B) a registered nurse with a master's or
1-31 doctoral degree in psychiatric nursing;

1-32 (C) a licensed clinical social worker;

1-33 (D) a licensed professional counselor licensed
1-34 to practice in this state; ~~or~~

1-35 (E) a licensed marriage and family therapist
1-36 licensed to practice in this state; or

1-37 (F) a physician assistant licensed to practice in
1-38 this state who has expertise in psychiatry or is currently working
1-39 in a mental health facility.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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